

MAY GO TO SEA GIRT TO SHOOT FOR THE TROPHY

Ten District Guardsmen Who Made the Best Scores in the Preliminaries at the Ordway Range Last Week.

Encampment Most Likely to Be at Leesburg—Site on River Declared Unsuitable. Muster-In of Light Artillery Battery.

SCORES OF THOSE WHO WERE RETAINED

	Points.
Sergeant Groome	188
Private Pink	187
Lieutenant Holt	181
Lieutenant Heidenreich	173
Sergeant Alderman	177
Lieutenant McNally	172
Private Bode	169
Captain Skinner	169
Sergeant Farrow	166
Private Stewart	166

he called upon to do some exacting work within a few weeks. The men are getting instruction in everything that will help them. The Signal Corps lads have been practicing the signals with the different colored flags, and also sharpening up on their telegraphy. They have to place the camp in communication with the nearest city, and also with Washington. Their work will be done before the camp is opened for the Guardsmen, because everything will necessarily have to be in working order when the infantrymen march on the field to pitch their tents. While the camp lasts, the Signal Corps men have it easier than anyone else, save when a storm blows the wires down.

According to an authentic and unofficial rumor, it is not improbable that General Harries' plan to have his men execute a series of sea and field maneuvers at some point along the Potomac, near Fort Washington or thereabouts, will be abandoned and the camp established at Leesburg, as usual. The Guardsmen, in the absence of official news, are quaking in their boots. Leesburg is decided upon as the place. This is the cause of their apprehension: The army canteen was abolished two or three years ago, and Leesburg, since the recent local option election, is as "dry" as Sahara.

Rejected by the Doctors.

It is stated that several members of the medical branch of the District Guard journeyed down the Potomac to the point which was picked out for the encampment of the District boys, and reported adversely on it. There seems to be a great deal of speculation as to why they rejected the site. Some suggested that the place was unhealthy, but the medicine men retorted that the sanitary conditions were all that could be asked for. It was later asked if the place was too small to accommodate a brigade of militia as large as the District forces, and the men who made the inspection averred that the site was too small to accommodate even one of the battalions of the Guard, much less the entire organization.

The truth of the matter is the medicine men deemed the site most undesirable one for many reasons. The sanitary conditions may or may not be all that one could wish for; the place is not near the railroad, and is isolated, not large enough, and there would doubtless be dissatisfaction on all sides. The pleasures and wants of the District of Columbia Guardsmen are not the only things to be considered.

Camp Likely at Leesburg.

General Harries is most solicitous of having a detachment of artillery, and, if possible, some other members of the Regular Army accompany its proteges, and the War Department will not let the regulars be taken into dense woods or near the river, where the mosquitoes would eat them alive.

Now that the sites which were selected have been rejected, General Harries has to choose some other place. In view of the fact that the date for going into camp is but one month off, it is not believed that General Harries will try to make any arrangements other than those which have held good at all of the previous encampments of the Guard. For social and other reasons the guardsmen are strongly of the belief that Leesburg was the best place. Since they were there last the town has gone "dry," and it is doubtful if their attachment for the place is as great as it was previous to the election. From the present outlook the guardsmen will go down to Leesburg to spend their nine days just as they have in days gone by.

Muster in of Battery A.

Battery A, Light Artillery, of the Guard, will muster in Friday night, June 26, at the Center Market Armory. Major O'Rand, inspector general on the brigade staff, will be the mustering officer.

Applications for muster with the battery have been numerous, but Captain Marron has been careful in his selection, and but fifty-two men have been as yet accepted. To them Captain Marron yesterday mailed notices to appear

at the Center Market Armory on either Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday night of this week for the physical examination preliminary to muster in. Captain Weaver, surgeon First Regiment, is to be in attendance each of the evenings specified to examine the recruits, and no artilleryman will be mustered who has not undergone this physical examination.

The equipment of the new battery surpasses anything in the Guard of any State. The guns—four in number—are the 3.2-inch field piece, the most recent model, and spike-and-span new from the United States Arsenal. The four caissons and the combined battery wagon and forge are in a similar condition, the artillery wagon alone of the ten carriages having seen service heretofore.

The picket line of the battery infield or camp will contain fifty-five horses, four to each of the ten carriages, and the remainder for the mounted artillery. The harness and saddles are of a light tan color. The uniform is to be the khaki with the new full dress chevron and ornaments of the latest military pattern. Officers will wear the regular army and more than popular with all mounted men.

It is rumored that General Harries has made a requisition on the War Department for khaki uniforms for every member of the District of Columbia Guard, and the uniforms, if issued, will be used at the next camp.

Lieutenant Commander Brummett, of the Naval Battalion, has asked that his command may be allowed to make a cruise of two days down the river. The dates will probably be from July 3 to 5, and General Harries will in all likelihood give the necessary permission.

The First Battalion gave the first of a series of monthly receptions and reviews at its armory last Wednesday evening. Sergt. Granville C. C. Pollard, Company C, First Separate Battalion, has been honorably discharged on surgeon's certificate of disability. The dishonorable discharge of Private Benjamin F. Chamberlain, Company C, Fifth Battalion, has been revoked, and an honorable discharge granted him.

Discharges.

On their own applications, Privates William F. Alber and Clarence C. Claiborn, both of Company D, Sixth Battalion, and Landsman Charles Carr and George W. Elliott, both of the Second Division, Naval Battalion, have been honorably discharged. By reason of removal from the District of Columbia: First Sergt. Wayne E. Eller, Company D, Fifth Battalion; Private Benno R. Preuss, Company B, First Battalion; Private George W. Sylvester, Company B, First Battalion, and Landsman Lawrence C. Bradley, First Division, Naval Battalion, have been honorably discharged.

The following have been dishonorably discharged because of "expulsion from the company": Private Marsh A. Bodenhamer, Company B, First Battalion, and Privates William Butler, Robert T. Dodson, and George W. Jones, all of Company A, First Separate Battalion.

CRUISE OF GEORGE DEWEY NAVAL COMMAND, S. W. V.

First Annual Outing to Be Held at Chesapeake Beach.

The first annual cruise of the Admiral George Dewey Naval Command, No. 250, Spanish War Veterans, will be made to Chesapeake Beach next Monday. Capt. G. A. Joyner will be at the pilot wheel and the safety of all of the "tars" in the command and their friends is assured. A committee composed of Paymaster B. Bonabel, Captain Joyner, Lieut. Fred Nielsen, Gunner E. A. Nixon, Commander H. C. Porter, Assistant Engineer M. M. Curtin, and Lieutenant Commander B. R. Foley, secretary, has arranged a splendid program, including a prize waltz and several aquatic events, and everyone will be well taken care of.

There will be a "pulling" race at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and a sailing race on the Chesapeake Bay at 4:30 o'clock. The tub race, in which there are a number of entrants, will begin at 5 o'clock. After the "salts" have had a substantial repast the greasy pig race will be in order about 6:30 o'clock. At 9 o'clock the prize waltz will begin. To the best woman waltzer a gold medal will be presented, while a prize of \$5 in gold will be awarded to the best man waltzer. The committee on arrangements will run four trains to the beach, the first at 10:45 a. m., the last at 7:30 p. m. The last returning train will leave the beach at 10 o'clock.

PROF. WILLS' CHILDREN SENT TO ORPHANS' HOME

St. Louis Court's Decision in Habeas Corpus Case.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 20.—The hearing in the habeas corpus proceedings instituted in the St. Louis courts by Prof. W. H. Wills, of the National University at Washington, D. C., against his wife for the custody of their two children was concluded today, when the court declined to grant the petition of either parent and ordered the children sent to an orphan's home during their minority.

Prof. Wills, when seen at his home last evening refused to affirm or deny the report and would say nothing whatever about the matter.

The authorities of the National University School of Law, where Prof. Wills is said to be employed, denied that he was in any way connected with the institution. They stated that Prof. Wills had been allowed the free use of the main lecture hall of the university for the purpose of delivering a series of lectures on elocution, but that such lectures were separate and distinct from the regular law school course and paid for extra by the students patronizing them. They denied emphatically that he was in any way employed by the university.

TIMES CAMERA CONTEST ATTRACTS THE AMATEURS

Increasing Interest Among Washington Photographers.

Contributions to The Times' camera contest continue to pour in, and each week brings new material for the attention of the judges.

A noticeable improvement in the number of prints submitted is a greater variety of subjects than that which marked earlier groups. Many picturesque scenes in and around Washington have offered subject-matter to the amateur photographer, and those not directly interested in camera work or who may, by circumstances, be prevented from visiting these places have become more familiar with many beauties of the Capital City.

Several characteristic groups and scenes are numbered among the prints submitted for the contest which closed last night. Among those who are contributors to the contest are S. C. Koons, Thomas B. Gardner, D. J. Cartwright, A. Halsey, George Melling, F. W. Prather, Frank J. Hogan, William H. Baker, P. A. Keating, T. King, Max Abel, Lewis E. Godfrey, W. H. Korman, and M. L. Schneider.

BLOCKADE ON N. Y. CENTRAL.

AMSTERDAM, N. Y., June 20.—An eastbound freight train on the New York Central, while crossing from the passenger track to a freight track at tower No. 9, three miles from Schenectady, early today, was run into by another freight train, causing a wreck which blocked all four tracks for a time. Passenger traffic was delayed about two hours.

CHICAGO CITIZENS USE BOMBS FOR FIREWORKS

Twenty-two Men Injured in Terrific Explosion.

CHICAGO, June 20.—One man was fatally burned, six others painfully, and at least fifteen more were slightly injured last night by the explosion of a bomb in front of Charles Cumming's saloon in Clybourn Avenue.

The men were gathered on the sidewalk when John Laxner, who is employed at the city dump, Western Avenue and Addison Street, appeared, carrying the infernal machine in his hands. Laxner told his friends that it was one of nearly 200 which had been left at the dump in the course of the day, and someone proposed having some fireworks. The suggestion was approved, and the fuse attached was lighted.

All moved away a few feet, not thinking there was any danger. In an instant there was a thunderous report, followed by shrieks of the wounded. The windows of the saloon and adjacent buildings were shattered. A riot call was sent to the police of the Sheffield Avenue Station, and when they arrived Laxner was arrested.

OLD SOLDIER TRIES TO COMMIT SUICIDE

August Pitzner, Made Despondent by Illness, Cuts His Throat.

Despondency, wrought by ill-health and the infirmities of old age, was the motive that prompted August Pitzner, an inmate of the Soldier's Home, to attempt suicide yesterday afternoon, by cutting his throat. He was found shortly after committing the act, and was removed to the Barnes' Hospital, attached to the home, where he recovered.

Pitzner is sixty-five years old, and has been an inmate of the home for some time. He is known to have brooded over his feeble condition, but there was no suspicion that he contemplated ending his life. After lunch yesterday he suddenly disappeared, and was not seen again by any one about the place until found near the Eagle gate by Edward Tyler, of 747 Steuben Street northwest. A stream of blood was trickling down his neck. Nearby lay a bloody knife, mute evidence of the deed.

When admitted to the hospital the old soldier had not lost consciousness. An examination showed the wound to be not serious, and he was pronounced out of danger. The police learned from their investigation that he had been prompted to kill himself for the reasons mentioned.

HENRY SANFORD ILL.

NEWCASTLE, Ont., June 20.—Henry Sanford, of Bridgeport, Conn., vice president of the Adams Express Company, is in a critical condition here from paralysis. His wife died suddenly yesterday from paralysis of the brain. She had come to spend the summer months at her old home.

Canada Files Objections To a Fort at Oswego

Ottawa Paper Views With Alarm Projected Erection of Big Barracks.

OSWEGO, N. Y., June 20.—The recent visit of the Secretary of War to this city and the subsequent announcement of the appropriation of \$250,000 for the rebuilding of historic Fort Ontario and its conversion into a battalion post have been the subject of unfavorable comment by the Canadian press. The "Ottawa Citizen," the organ of the conservative party, has printed an editorial accusing the United States of military aggression against Canada. The "Citizen" says:

"The American Government has decided to spend \$250,000 on the preliminary construction of a fort at Oswego. That fort can only have one object—the protection of the harbor in case of war with Canada and the providing of a stronghold from which vessels of war can issue to prey upon Canadian lake commerce and cities."

"Actions speak louder than words, and the appropriation of a large sum of money for a work whose only object is one of military aggression toward this country has more weight than all the platitudes of platform sentimentalists. Moreover, it is probably the inauguration of a scheme of northern forts along the Great Lakes. At the same time the mercantile and marine journals of the United States which are more particularly interested in lake shipping and shipbuilding are clamor-

ing for the Government of the Republic to build warships on the lakes.

"The ostensible argument is the encouragement of shipbuilding, and it is speciously alleged that the war vessels so constructed are to be taken to the seaboard for use on the ocean. Such an agitation is too transparent not to be seen through. It means nothing but military aggression toward Canada. Why build expensive fortifications on the northern frontier? Why this agitation for a fleet of warships on the Great Lakes?"

MINNESOTA LANDS TO BE OPENED TO HOMESTEAD

Land Commissioner Richards is expected to issue an order this week opening to homestead entry and preemption a large tract of Government land in Minnesota. A great part of this land is in Beltrami county and is not on any Indian reservation. Officials at the Land office are now busy preparing the papers.

The opening of the Indian agricultural lands will be postponed until after the pine land sales are completed. There is a fear that homesteaders and the pine land purchasers might come into conflict.

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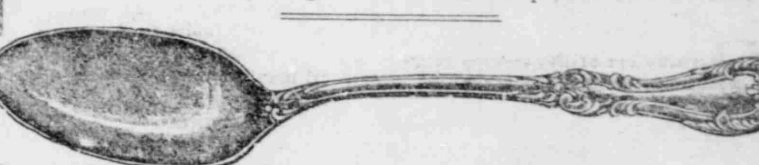
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